



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 24, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Fieldwork was delayed as wet conditions prevailed for the third consecutive week. Reports of stripe rust on wheat continued to surface in greater frequency within the northeast and eastern districts. Due to recent precipitation levels, some localities experienced drainage issues. In spite of increased levels of precipitation experienced throughout the San Luis Valley last week, fieldwork progressed well. Pasture conditions again showed improvement as moisture levels continue in abundance. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 70 percent average and 30 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 84 percent average, and 15 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Emerged	87	72	88	88
Corn				
Planted	66	59	92	90
Emerged	47	28	51	47
Dry Beans				
Planted	13	10	8	15
Emerged	2	--	--	1
Onions				
Planted	98	93	99	99
Potatoes				
Inside San Luis Valley				
Planted	85	*60	92	86
Outside San Luis Valley				
Planted	94	91	92	83
Emerged	64	38	61	44
Sorghum				
Planted	19	18	25	23
Emerged	6	--	--	--
Spring wheat				
Planted	66	64	96	97
Emerged	54	49	70	75
Sugarbeets				
Planted	98	94	98	94
Emerged	78	53	87	62
Sunflowers				
Planted	5	4	3	11
Winter wheat				
Jointed	97	94	84	88
Headed	67	46	35	39
Turning color	3	1	--	4

(--) – zero

(NA) – not available

(*) – revised

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	5	5	13	10
Poor.....	17	19	26	24
Fair.....	24	28	27	33
Good	43	41	32	31
Excellent	11	7	2	2

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	1.8	3.3	5.5	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	2	15	14
Short	11	15	35	25
Adequate.....	69	72	48	58
Surplus.....	19	11	2	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	5	6	26	21
Short	18	23	29	27
Adequate.....	69	65	44	51
Surplus.....	8	6	1	1

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley	--	--	27	59	14
Corn	--	3	31	65	1
Onions	3	10	26	54	7
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley	--	--	10	75	15
Spring wheat	--	--	33	66	1
Sugarbeets	--	--	31	55	14
Winter wheat.....	3	13	31	44	9
Livestock.....	--	1	15	72	12

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